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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

ATTN: Box Missing Parts

Sir:

**COMMUNICATION IN RESPONSE TO
AUGUST 18, 1999 NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF
APPLICATION AND PETITION FOR ONE-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME**

This Communication is filed in response to a Notice to File Missing Parts of Application issued by the United States Patent on August 18, 1999 in connection with the above-identified application. A copy of the Notice is attached hereto as **Exhibit A**. The Notice provides a period of two months for filing a response. Accordingly, a response was originally due on October 18, 1999. Applicants hereby request a one month extension of time. The fee for a one month extension of time is \$110.00. Therefore a response is now due November 18, 1999. Accordingly, this Communication is being timely filed.

The Notice indicates that the oath and declaration is missing. In response, applicants attach hereto as **Exhibit B** a Declaration and Power of Attorney pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.53(d) and in compliance with 37 C.F.R. §163. The Declaration refers to the application's above-identified serial number and filing date.

The surcharge under 37 C.F.R. §1.16(e) for responding to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Application under 37 C.F.R.

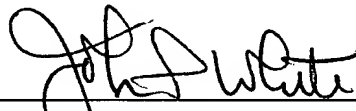
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\$1.53(d) is \$130.00. A check in the amount of \$240.00 which includes the \$130.00 surcharge for filing a Declaration and Power of Attorney is enclosed.

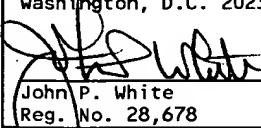
If a telephone interview would be of assistance in advancing prosecution of the subject application, applicants' undersigned attorneys invite the Examiner to telephone at the number provided below.

No fee, other than the enclosed \$240.00 which includes the \$130.00 surcharge fee and the \$110.00 fee for a one month extension of time is deemed necessary in connection with the filing of this Communication. If any additional fees are required, authorization is hereby given to charge the amount of any such fee to Deposit Account No. 03-3125.

Respectfully submitted,



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I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited this date with the U.S. Postal Service with sufficient postage as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231.	
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